

**Minutes of Board Meeting
October 10, 2012
10:00 A.M.**

Present

Trummie Patrick, Chairman
Lynda Coker (via conference call)
Kelly Gay (via conference call)
Virginia Galloway
Todd Cowan
Carolyn Roddy (via conference call)
David Connell
Anthony Heath

Not in Attendance

Vacant position

Also present was Angelique McClendon, Assistant Attorney General; and numerous DDS staff members.

Establish Quorum / Call to Order

Chairman Patrick confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the September 12, 2012 Board meeting. David Connell motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dozier informed the Board that Mike Mitchell, who was previously the Director of Regulatory Compliance, has accepted the position of Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division and he will be working with Les Hammond during the upcoming Legislative session.

Mr. Dozier reviewed the newspaper clippings and brought a particular one with the headline "Back to Normal" to the Board's attention. He stated although DDS is not yet quite back to normal, he is very proud of the accomplishments that have been made since implementing the

Secure ID Program. He asked Mr. Theobald to provide the Board an update of the Secure ID Program.

Secure ID Update: George Theobald, Project Manager, gave a brief update on the status of the new Secure ID Program. He stated that last week 12 out of 64 Customer Service Centers (CSCs) met the goal of servicing 95% of customers in under 30 minutes; with a statewide average wait time of 21 minutes and 44 seconds. Mr. Theobald also reviewed several accomplishments that occurred in September, one of which was that the DDS submitted the self certification package to the Department of Homeland Services on 9/13/12. Future enhancements are planned for programming additional enhancements for adjusting other system processes, specifically with the SAVE verification system; and installing additional digital signs at the Macon, Warner Robins, Decatur, Atlanta, Lithonia and Forest Park CSCs.

Legislative Update: Les Hammond stated that the legislative season is beginning to gear up for 2013 which is the beginning of a 2 year legislative cycle. The Nov. 6th elections will reveal new Legislators and what the internal power alignments will be since there are several committee chairmanships that are open.

The Department has submitted a small package of possible legislative initiatives to the Governor's office for review – 3 issues are on regular driver's licenses and 3 are on Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) – which is primarily driven by federal law. Final approval on any of those is not expected until after the first of the year. At that time DDS staff will draft the actual legislation and ask the Board for approval of the proposed bill(s).

At the request of Governor Deal, the Chief Justice has set up a task force to look into the decriminalization of traffic tickets – how that might take place, impact on the courts and the citizens, cost, loss of revenue to the cities and counties, etc. The DDS staff has been attending those meetings and it is not expected to result in any legislation or changes this year.

Mike Mitchell, Legislative Liaison, updated the Board on the House Title 40 Study Committee, which is the result of HR 1731 that is being chaired by Representative Tom Rice. The DDS was invited to testify at the committee's initial meeting on September 12; however, there have been no further developments.

Rules for Initial Approval

Ms. Ammons reviewed the following proposed rules changes for the Board's initial consideration:

375-3-1-.29 – Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Cards

375-3-1-.31 – Satisfaction of School Requirements for Customers Under Age 18

375-3-3-.10 – Limited Driving Permits

375-5-4-.08 – Parental Component

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the rules as presented; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Petitions for Board Waiver

Ms. Jennifer Ammons, DDS General Counsel, reviewed the following petitions for waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.02 – Documentation Required for Initial Issuance:

Marianne Scharl – She is attempting to renew her Georgia driver's license but lacks all of the required documentation to do so. She was born in Germany but has been a permanent resident of the United States since 1965; however, her Permanent Resident card expired on August 19, 2012. She has applied for a new green card and has received a letter back from USCIS stating that it is pending. Unfortunately, it may take months to get the new card. She has provided a copy of her Social Security Card; her expired driver's license; expired green card; bank statement; insurance bill and satellite radio bill. Ms. Ammons stated that the DDS has been able to verify through the Department of Homeland Security that she does retain her permanent resident status – she just does not yet have the document to satisfy the requirement of the regulation.

Lynda Coker asked if the Board could extend her renewal for a short period of time until she could get the green card from INS. Ms. Ammons replied that could be done by issuing her a 120 day permit.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the waiver and allow the issuance of a 120 day permit; Lynda Coker seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Nancy Buckner – She has moved to Georgia from Missouri and wants to transfer her driver's license. She does not have documentation for all of her name changes. Her birth certificate shows that she was born Nancy Mierau and there is a 1982 marriage license showing her going to Nancy Ropieski. She divorced Mr. Ropieski in 1998 and married Mr. Davis in 1993 although we don't have the marriage license. She has provided the Davis divorce decree which returned her to the name Ropieski. There is a 1998 divorce decree from Mr. Dunaway, but there is no marriage license. After her divorce from Mr. Dunaway, she married Mr. Kelly and she has provided a prenuptial agreement and divorce decree, but no marriage license. There is a 2001 marriage license where she went from Nancy Kelly to Nancy Cannon, and a 2001 divorce decree on Cannon, and there is a 2003 marriage license to Mr. Buckner. She has also provided her Missouri driver's license and vehicle registration affidavit; her Social Security card; a bank statement; car insurance; Missouri Voter ID card; Medicare card and prescription card; a credit report; a letter from a medical care provider; a bank statement; a 2010 electric bill from her home in Missouri, and a phone bill.

When asked the Department's recommendation, Ms. Ammons stated that DDS does not question that she is who she says; she just doesn't have all the documents to connect the dots.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the waiver; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Joanne Smith – She is unable to provide the original or a certified copy of her Nationalization Certificate; however she does have a photocopy. She has also provided her Social Security card; Polish birth certificate along with the English translation; expired U. S. passport; a childhood passport issued to her in Poland; marriage license; her DD-214 and her honorable discharge from the U. S. Air Force; a gas and credit card bill; and a hearing decision from an administrative hearing. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would recommendation approval of the waiver.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the waiver; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the following petitions for waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.24 – Name on License or Identification Card. Amended:

Cathy Oliff – She has moved from Florida and has not been able to locate the marriage license nor the divorce decree from her first marriage. She has provided her birth certificate; her second marriage license that reflects her maiden name; her Florida driver's license; Social Security card; and also her electric bill and bank statement which reflects her maiden name. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition.

David Connell motioned to approve the waiver; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Donna Talley – She has moved from Florida and is seeking an identification card. She is also unable to locate documents from her first marriage. She has provided her birth certificate where she was born Donna Morgan; her Florida driver's license; Medicare card; her marriage license to Mr. Talley in 1966; a copy of her marriage license to Mr. Morris in 1957; her daughter's 1949 birth certificate which reflects the surname Dixon from her first marriage; and her cable bill. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition.

David Connell motioned to approve the waiver; Virginia Galloway seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Elizabeth Roydhouse – She moved to Georgia from South Carolina and wants to obtain an ID card. She had an undocumented childhood name change. Her birth certificate shows her name is Elizabeth Jean Sutton (her mother's maiden name), but she was told her father's surname was Sibley. She was registered in school as Sibley and used the nickname Betty throughout her life. Other documents provided are: her high school diploma showing Elizabeth Jean Sibley; her 1947 marriage certificate where she married Mr. Roydhouse using that same name; a 1975 divorce decree from that marriage; Social Security documentation; a voter registration card from South Carolina; and a rental receipt from her apartment here in Georgia. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the waiver.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the waiver; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Annie Betts – She has moved to Georgia from Virginia and is seeking a driver's license. She also had an undocumented childhood name change. Her birth certificate reflects that she was born Annie Cole, but she grew up as Annie Murray. She married in 1970 and the marriage

license shows she went from Murray to Betts. She also provided a numident letter from Social Security that reflects both surnames. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the waiver.

Lynda Coker motioned to approve the waiver; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Vickie Littlejohn – She has moved here from South Carolina and wants to transfer her driver's license. She is missing her first marriage license. She has provided a copy of her birth certificate; correspondence from the South Carolina Vital Records stating they could not locate her marriage license to Mr. Miles; her divorce decree from the marriage to Mr. Miles; her marriage license to Mr. Littlejohn; her South Carolina driver's license; her Social Security card; a lease agreement; and her car insurance. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the waiver.

Lynda Coker motioned to approve the waiver; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Martha Moulder – She is a renewal customer, but is unable to provide documentation of her identity or her name change. She is unable to locate a birth certificate or the marriage license from her first marriage. She has provided school records from the early 1950's reflecting her maiden name and date of birth; Social Security statements; a letter from Fulton County stating there is not a birth certificate for her; her daughter's birth certificate showing her maiden name and the father of the child was from her first marriage; her 1984 divorce decree from her first husband; a page from her mother's Bible showing her more recent marriage to Mr. Moulder in 1984. She has been licensed in Georgia since 1964 and since she is a long time customer, the Department would support approval of the waiver.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the request for waiver; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Mark Lamb – Ms. Ammons stated that Mr. Lamb's petition is on the agenda at his insistence. As noted in his petition and the letters that the Department has sent to him, he is asking the Board to waive statutory language, not regulatory language. He has not identified a specific administrative rule for the Board to waive. He has however articulated why he feels there is a hardship for him in satisfying the statutory requirements for reinstatement; however, the Board is unable to waive statute.

Virginia Galloway motioned to deny the request for waiver; Anthony Heath seconded the motion. The motion to deny the petition for waiver was unanimous by the remaining Board members.

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Chairman Patrick reminded the Board that the next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Patrick called for a motion to adjourn. Virginia Galloway so motioned; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.